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SUBJECT: **AGREEMENT WITH PUBLIC HEALTH FOUNDATION ENTERPRISES FOR  
INFLUENZA VACCINE REPURCHASE PROGRAM**

On October 12, 2004, the Board of Supervisors delegated authority to the Director of Health Services to approve and sign a sole source agreement with Public Health Foundation Enterprises, Inc., (PHFE), contingent upon review of County Counsel, for an influenza vaccine repurchase program. Under the proposed agreement, PHFE would have repurchased, on the County's behalf, excess influenza vaccine from medical providers, at cost.

This is to advise the Board that this delegated authority was not utilized.

At the time that the Department requested the delegated authority, it appeared that there were providers who would be willing to sell excess vaccine to the County for distribution to eligible persons in high-risk groups. Subsequently, as the Department learned of the federal Centers for Disease Control and Prevention plans for distribution and of the lack of significant amounts of vaccine available from private providers, it was determined that implementation of this agreement was not necessary.

We wish to thank PHFE for its willingness to work with the County on this program on short notice.

If you have any questions or need additional information, please let us know.

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c: Chief Administrative Officer  
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